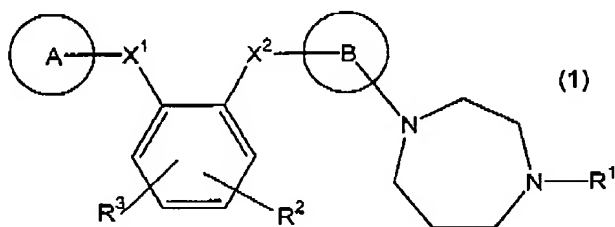


a.) Amendment to the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 6 and add new claim 8 as follows. A complete listing of all the claims appears below; this listing replaces all earlier amendments and listings of the claims.

1. (Currently amended) A diazepan compound derivative represented by the following general formula (I) or a salt thereof:



[[()]]symbols in the above formula have the following meanings:

rings Rings A and B: they are the same or different and are each aryl or heteroaryl which may have 1 to 3 substituents;

X^1 : $-C(=O)-NR^4-$, $-NR^4-C(=O)-$, $-NR^4-CH_2-$, $-O-CH_2-$, $-CH_2-$

CH_2- or $-CH=CH-$;

X^2 : $-C(=O)-NR^5-$ or $-NR^5-C(=O)-$;

R^1 : hydrogen atom, lower alkyl, -lower alkylene-O- lower alkyl,

C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, -lower alkylene- C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, -lower alkylene-aryl, -lower alkylene-heteroaryl or $-C(=NR^6)-$ lower alkyl;

R^2 : ~~$-OH$, $-O$ -lower alkyl, $-O$ -lower alkylene- OH , $-O-SO_2-OH$,~~

~~$-O$ -lower alkylene- $COOH$, $-O$ -lower alkylene- COO -lower alkyl, $COOH$, COO -lower alkyl or halogen atom;~~

R^3 : hydrogen atom, halogen atom or lower alkyl; and

R^4 , R^5 and R^6 : they are the same or different and are each hydrogen atom or lower alkyl.[D]]

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) The diazepam derivative or a salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein the ring A and the ring B are the same or different and are each benzene ring, pyridine ring, naphthalene ring, thiophene ring, benzofuran ring or quinoline ring which may have 1 to 3 substituents.

4. (Original) The diazepam derivative or a salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein the substituent of the aryl or heteroaryl which may have 1 to 3 substituents is a substituent selected from optionally substituted lower alkyl, lower alkenyl, lower alkynyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, optionally -O-substituted lower alkyl, halogen atom, $-NH_2$, $-NH$ -lower alkyl, $-N$ -(lower alkyl) $_2$, $-C(=NH)-NH_2$, $-C(=N-OH)-NH_2$, $-C(=NH)-NH-OH$, $-C(=NH)-NH-C(=O)-O$ -lower alkyl, $-COOH$, optionally $-C(=O)-O$ -substituted lower alkyl, optionally $-C(=O)-O$ -substituted C_{6-14} aryl, optionally $-C(=O)-O$ -substituted heteroaryl, $-CN$, $-NO_2$, $-OH$, optionally $-O-CO$ substituted lower alkyl, $-O-CO-NH_2$, $-O-CO-NH$ -lower alkyl, $-O-CO-N$ -(lower alkyl) $_2$, $-SH$, $-C(=O)-NH_2$, $-C(=O)-NH$ -(lower alkyl) and $-C(=O)-N$ -(lower alkyl) $_2$.

5. (Original) The diazepam derivative or a salt thereof according to claim 1 selected from 3-hydroxy-4'-methoxy-2-{{[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzanilide, 3-hydroxy- N^1 -(4-methoxybenzoyl)- N^2 -[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, 5-chloro-N-(5-chloro-2-pyridyl)-3-hydroxy-2-{{[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzamide, 5-chloro-3-hydroxy-4'-methoxy-2-{{[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzanilide and 5-

bromo-N-(5-chloro-2-pyridyl)-3-hydroxy-2-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzamide.

6. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition containing the diazepam derivative or a salt thereof according to claim 1 as an effective ingredient and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

7. (Original) An activated blood coagulation factor X inhibitor in which the diazepam derivative or a salt thereof according to claim 1 as an effective ingredient.

8. (New) 3-hydroxy-4'-methoxy-2-{{[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzanilide, 4'-chloro-3-hydroxy-2-{{[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzanilide, 4'-fluoro-3-hydroxy-2-{{[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzanilide, 3-hydroxy-3'-methyl-2-{{[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzanilide, 4'-bromo-3-hydroxy-2-{{[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzanilide, 5-hydroxy-4'-methoxy-2-{{[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzanilide, 4-hydroxy-4'-methoxy-2-{{[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzanilide, N¹-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-3-hydroxy-N²-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, N¹-(4-bromobenzoyl)-3-hydroxy-N²-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, 3-hydroxy-N¹-(3-methylbenzoyl)-N²-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, N¹-(3-chloro-4-methoxybenzoyl)-3-hydroxy-N²-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, N¹-[(5-chloro-2-thienyl)carbonyl]-3-hydroxy-N²-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, N¹-(4-fluorobenzoyl)-3-hydroxy-N²-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, 3-hydroxy-N²-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-N¹-(2-naphthoyl)-1,2-phenylenediamine, N¹-[(5-bromo-2-

thienyl)carbonyl]-3-hydroxy-N²-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, N¹-(1-benzofuran-2-ylcarbonyl)-3-hydroxy-N²-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, 3-hydroxy-N²-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-N¹-(quinolin-3-ylcarbonyl)-1,2-phenylenediamine, 3-hydroxy-N¹-[(5-methoxy-2-thienyl)carbonyl]-N²-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, N¹-(3-fluoro-4-methoxybenzoyl)-3-hydroxy-N²-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, 3-hydroxy-N¹-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N²-[4-(4-pyridyl)-1,4-diazepan-1-yl]benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, 3-hydroxy-N¹-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N²-(4-{4-[1-(N-methylimino)ethyl]-1,4-diazepan-1-yl}benzoyl)-1,2-phenylenediamine, N²-[4-(4-benzyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-3-hydroxy-N¹-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-1,2-phenylenediamine, 3-[(4-methoxybenzoyl)amino]-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}phenyl hydrogen sulfate, 3-hydroxy-N²-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N¹-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, N²-[4-(1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-3-hydroxy-N¹-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-1,2-phenylenediamine, N²-[4-(4-cyclopropylmethyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-3-hydroxy-N¹-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-1,2-phenylenediamine, 3-hydroxy-N²-[4-[4-(1-iminoethyl)-1,4-diazepan-1-yl]benzoyl]-N¹-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-1,2-phenylenediamine, N²-[4-(4-cyclobutyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-3-hydroxy-N¹-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-1,2-phenylenediamine, 3-hydroxy-N¹-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N²-[4-[4-(2-methoxyethyl)-1,4-diazepan-1-yl]benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, 5-chloro-N-(5-chloro-2-pyridyl)-3-hydroxy-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzamide, 5-bromo-N-(5-chloro-2-pyridyl)-3-hydroxy-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzamide or a salt thereof.